raising of the age of relinquishment of Commission for male part-time NCC officers to 50 years, extendable to 55 years in special cases. The notification for amending Rule 22 of NCC Rules, 1948 for giving effect to this decision is being finalised and is likely to be issued shortly.

World Bank Report on Sardar Sarover Project

488. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has expressed apprehensions about the Sardar Sarover Project in Gujarat especially with respect to loss of forest cover and resettlement of oustees; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No apprehensions have been expressed as such, but comments received from the World Bank on compensatory afforestation programme and resettlement of oustees have been attended to by the State Government and the Narmada Control Authority.

Soviet Offer for Construction of 1000 MW Reactors

489. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to accept Soviet Union's technology for construction of 1000 MW nuclear reactors;

(b) whether Government have committed formally to the IAEA on the Soviet Union's demand that the only enriched uranium imported from the U.S.S.R. would be used in these reactors and that these would be safeguarded in perpetivity and open to inspection; and

(c) if so, whether many prominent scientists feel that this is a set back to self-reliance achieved earlier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The Soviet offer to set up two 1000 MWE nuclear power reactor units in India has been under discussion between the two countries, and an agreement is expected to be signed in the near future.

In anticipation of the finalisation of the inter-governmental agreement, India has concluded an agreement with the IAEA for implementation of safeguards in respect of the nuclear power station which is proposed to be set up in India under the IGA. The safeguards agreement *inter-alia* provides for IAEA safeguards to all nuclear fuel used in the reactors supplied by U.S.S.R. The reactors will be under IAEA safeguards till the IAEA, India and USSR jointly determine that the reactor in question is no longer usable for nuclear activity relevant from the point of view of safeguards.

(c) The Soviet reactors are only in addition to our own programme and will not adversely affect our self-reliance.

Mysterious Death of a patient in Safdarjang Hospital

490. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a patient admitted in the Emergency ward of Safdarjang Hospital with head injuries in an accident on the 12th Septembe , 1988, was found dead in the hospital park and was found tied to his bed; and

(b) whether Government have made any enquiry into the mysterious death of the patient, if so, what is the outcome